A meeting of the Committee on Audit and Risk was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Noon.

The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Rakowich, Brown, Bendapudi, Black, Cairns, de Levie, Hasenkopf, Lubrano, Pope and Schuyler. Also attending was the Governor’s Representative Shipley and Constituent Representative DuFour. Staff members present included Brautigam, Feeman, Guadagnino, Harvey, Heist, Murawaski, Oziemblowsky, Pell, Raab, Schwartz, Smith, Stedelin, Stevens, Teachey, Thorndike, and Wagner.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rakowich at 12:00 p.m.

Chair Rakowich called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 2022, meeting of the Committee. A motion was put forward, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Next on the agenda, Chair Rakowich called upon Dan Heist to review the Committee’s Roles and Responsibilities Matrix, who confirmed required operating guidelines were on track.

Chair Rakowich called upon Virginia Teachey to review the June 30, 2022 Deloitte Management Letter. Virginia Teachey informed the Committee they had copies of the fiscal year 2022 consolidated audit, management letter for Deloitte, and the university’s formal response which ensures net asset balances are appropriately classified.

Chair Rakowich called upon Jen Stedelin and Keith Brautigam to provide an Information Technology update, who highlighted two significant projects to improve information security and decrease risk. First discussed was the university’s Multi-Factor Authentication Migration project with a projected completion date of January 2024. It will enhance security within the university’s existing Microsoft based login procedures. Second discussed was the Disaster Recovery and Ransomware project, which will increase resiliency to university information technology operating systems through rapid response and recovery from ransomware attacks as well as redundancy and back-up power and data storage centers.

Lastly, Chair Rakowich called upon Sara Thorndike to review and approve external auditors. The Committee considered and unanimously approved a motion to engage Plante Moran to perform audits and other engagements with the university, Penn State Health, and other entities for fiscal years 2023 through 2027.

Chair Rakowich adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

The Committee met in conference session at the conclusion of the public meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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